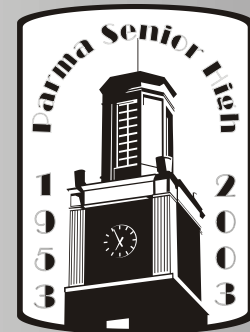


# The Tradition

Parma Senior High Alumni Newsletter



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## From the President's Desk

The vote is in and the results were that the renewal levy passed, but the new money 5.5 mill levy failed by 2000 votes. What this will mean to the future of the Parma Schools is yet to be determined.

Parma Sr. High has many problems with the cuts in curriculum and extra curricular programs. We have tried to help as much as we can with donations to the yearbook, so that this class will have one, donations to the school newspaper, the drama department for the fall play, donations to the band for sheet music, donations to the athletic department for various sports team needs, and of course the \$8400 in scholarships to deserving PSH seniors for college and career training.

We continue to work on projects that benefit the alumni, students and staff of PSH. Work on the Alumni Courtyard is reaching completion, with classes and staff using the area already to study this spring. Reunion Classes are welcome to use the area as long as we can get a custodian on duty. Alumni are welcome to visit the Archival Room on Fridays of each week from 12 noon to 2:30 PM or by appointment on other days. The Ohio Historical marker is in the final stages of completion and we are looking at an early September dedication (check online for more details this summer). If you are in the area, please plan to attend.

We want to thank everyone who has made donations to the Alumni Association. Your continued support allows us to make donations to programs you support and provide scholarships to deserving seniors at PSH.

We have about 9 reunions set for this year and 2 classes have already started work on their 2011 reunion. The work of reunion committees help us to keep you informed. We are able to provide assistance and funds for those reunions. This is one of our most important duties as your Alumni Association – to keep you connected to your classmates.

## From the Editor's Desk

This September marks the 15th year of the Tradition newsletter. Over the years we have tried to keep you informed about reunions, classmate information, and school news past and present. Your stories and contributions to the newsletter have helped to keep the personal touch that is so essential for a quality alumni newsletter.

The letters that you send to me are examples of the bond that exists between classmates that seem to be unique at Parma High. No matter what the class year, the letters about friendships that have lasted for years after graduation are at times funny and touching.

I hope you will continue to submit stories and letters to the editor. The history of Parma High is enhanced by all your recollections from your days at Parma High. You are the reason this newsletter is successful and people continue to subscribe.

## Recognition of the Golden years of PSH Football August 27th at Byers Field at 6:30

The Parma Senior High School Alumni Association will honor 3 of the 4 LEL Championship teams from 1959 season (Class of 1960), 1960 season (Class of 1961), and the 1961 season (Classes of 1962 and 1963). The honoring will take place at Byers Field at Bob Boulton Stadium in Parma on Friday, August 27, 2010. We are looking for all team members, cheerleaders, coaches and managers from those 3 teams. The event will be held prior to the Parma Senior High School football game against Midpark high.

If you are a member or know of anyone who was a member of those teams, please contact Anthony DeMarco of the Parma Senior High School Alumni Association. Come and celebrate those golden years.

Phone: 440-885-3700 or 440-572-2375

E-mail: [pshalum@pshalumni.org](mailto:pshalum@pshalumni.org)

## A First For PSH Sports

This is a great year for Parma Sr. High Mens Sports. This is the first time in Parma High history that 3 PSH teams have won championships in Football, Basketball, and Baseball in the same school year. In addition, The PSH Rugby team, Parma Blackhearts played against Archbishop Moeller Crusaders for the Ohio State Championship at Crew Stadium in Columbus on June 5.

The class of 2010 can be proud of this great accomplishment.

## Donations

Your donations are tax deductible.

- \* We accept donations of \$1 a year for each year since graduation.
- \* We accept donations for specific school activities. Ex: Band
- \* We accept donations for scholarships.
- \* We accept donations of yearbooks.
- \* We accept photos and other memorabilia for the Archival room.

Linda Olen 1970 - donation

Bob LaRosa 1960 - donation

Rosemary Kuenzer 1943 - 3 formal dresses from her granddaughters for those who can not afford them for the PSH Prom

Jodi Reid DeMarco - 2 formal dresses for the prom

Kathy McQuarrie 4 - yearbooks

Philip Arula 1979 - donation

Beverly DiSanto 1953 - yearbook

Clair Eckles 1955 - donation

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## REUNIONS

1938 Reunion Lunch Group - We have been asked by Lily Kalat Steinbrenner 1951, contact for the 1938 lunch group, to remove the information on the lunch group meetings. Lily said that the group is too small with no chance of anyone else joining. Contact at 440-888-6912

Thank you for the information. We would hope that the classes of 1939, 40, or 41 would invite the remaining members of the 1938 class to join them. Contact Lily at 440-888-6912. The PSHS Alumni Association has been looking into combining the decades of the 30's and 40's into one group for gatherings at our Courtyard location.

**1940-70th Reunion**-No information at this time-Contact Betty Miller Kircher@440-572-8485-bettykircher@ameritech.net

**1945-65th Reunion**-Planning for June or July, 2010-Contact Mel Burkey@440-885-4995-mburkey@hotmail.com

**1950-60th Reunion**-Contact Shirley Tomko Merlino@440-845-4768 tomm1185@sbcglobal.net Planning on July or August at Demitris on Snow Rd. Parma

**1951** In the planning stage. Contact Jim Bartel at 440-237-5755 or Martha Reddinger Liebert

**1955-55th Reunion** -Contact Robert Funk@440-886-3375 June 25,26,27, at AK Conference Center in Broadview Hts. Cocktails Friday, Picnic Saturday afternoon with BBQ and Sunday Golf contact Jim Bartel

**1965-45th Reunion**-In the planning stage-Contact Tim and Melanie Brown @330-769-2985-timb@applebybrown.com

**1970-40th Reunion**-No Reunion this year. We need a new reunion committee chairperson. If you are interested contact Anthony DeMarco at 1-440-885-3700

**1975-35th Reunion**-In the planning stage -Contact Sue Massari Walick @440-572-2472-walsu@aol.com

**1980-30th Reunion**-In the planning stage -Contact Marty Pytel @330-725-2915-mpytel@zoominternet.net

**1990-20th Reunion**-In the planning stages. -Contact Marc Blubaugh@614-895-0857 or mblubaugh@bfca.com

We are proposing having our 20 Year Class Reunion on the evening of Saturday, August 14, 2010 at The Southside, a Tremont restaurant and bar owned and operated by one of our fellow class alumni, Robert/Sherman ("Rocky") DeLozier. You can see information regarding the restaurant at

www.southsidecleveland.com. We believe that it will be a great venue with ample parking. We will have dedicated space in the outdoor/indoor patio. The tentative format will be a variety of heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks (perhaps beer and wine). Estimated cost will be \$20 - \$25 per person. Additional food or drinks can be purchased from the bar and kitchen on a cash basis during the event. The event would run from from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. but, of course, attendees would be most welcome to stay even after the space is opened up to the public at 10:00 p.m. We think that this approach provides us with ease of organization and makes it affordable for anyone with an interest. As mentioned in earlier postings, we are aiming for a fun but rather casual event. For our budgeting and general planning purposes, we are trying to obtain an initial sense as to how many people think they might attend the event. We may have to rethink aspects of the event if we believe that we will have more than 100 persons attending. Could you please respond to this posting with a tentative confirmation if you think you are likely to attend and if you plan to bring a guest/spouse/significant other at: PSH. Classof90.Reunion@gmail.com

We are asking for a tentative count as well as your feedback pertaining the proposed date and venue so that we can continue to plan accordingly. A reunion e-mail account has been set up to collect such info as well as other suggestions or ideas you may have at PSH.Classof90.Reunion@gmail.com.

(We are not asking for a firm commitment, but we do want to have an initial rough estimate so that we can make some further decisions.) Of course, we welcome any other feedback that you have regarding the proposed format and venue. We look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you.

Marc

**1991-20th Reunion** In the planning stage for 2011 Contact Dan Brass A committee is being formed. If you are interested in learning more about the reunion plans, please contact Dan Brass @ danielwbrass@gmail.com or (440) 891-4152

**1995-15th Reunion**-No information at this time-Contact Amy Taylor @440-243-0552-

**2000-10th Reunion**- Contact person Erin (Leibold) Renz at erinrenz@yahoo.com 10 Year Reunion is being planned for August 27 and 28, 2010. The 27th will be at the PSH football game at Byers Field and the 28th will be at the House of Blues in Cleveland.

## Scheduled Periodic Reunions

These meetings are held throughout the year.

**1942**-Last Wednesday of month @ Piper's III. Contact Rita Kemmer D'Alssandro.

**1948**-The reunion committee does meet monthly for dinner at various local restaurants. In addition to the 8 or so committee members, there are always guests. We would welcome any of our classmates at these dinners. For time and place, contact: Carole Basile King at 440-572-1708 or Dave Kane at 216-941-7572.

**1949**-The 2nd Thursday of the month—11:30 AM at Alfonso's Restaurant at West 130th & Sprague. Contact Elaine Quint @440-843-3872.

**1950**-Meetings during the year - Contact Shirley Tomko Merlino 440-845-4768

**1951**-Parma Schaaf meets the 1st Friday of every month (if a holiday-then the 2nd Friday)—11:30 AM at Marcal's Restaurant, Pearl and West 130th St in Middleburg Hts, OH Contact Joan Kalat @440-843-9122.

**1955**-Breakfast Club meets at Katherine's Restaurant @9:00AM - Jan 27, April 28, July 28, and October 27.

**1960 & 61**-Dinner every month-Contact Judy Love Girard @440-888-4911.

## In Memoriam

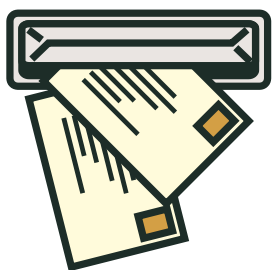
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## Donations from page 1

Randall Halen 1961 - donation  
Carolyn Hanser Cahill - donation  
Gretchen Mates - donation  
Rita Stemler Comko 1951 – donation for the Historical Marker  
Les Weston 1961 - donation  
\$100 – Historical Marker - Anonymous 1951  
\$100 – Toward a courtyard tree for William Basset - Anonymous 1951

*Thank you for your donations from the PSH Alumni and the students of PSH*

## Letters to the Editor



Your column titled "Crisis at PSH" in the latest Alumni Newsletter was quite disturbing. I graduated in 1961 and I remember

the similar issues when I went to school in Parma. I have pictures of my elementary school classes that had 42 students and one teacher. I graduated with over 1000 students.

I don't know if you know of any statistics that would tell me what percent of kids in my class attended college and how many graduated. My guess would be that less than 50% attended and maybe 20% graduated. I wonder if those stats are any different today.

It must be difficult for you to watch this slow decline over the years. You and your wife are doing a great job with the Alumni Organization and all of us appreciate it.

Thanks very much.

Bob Blasko Class 61

*Bob, the classes of the late 50's and 60's were quite large because we were the fastest growing community in the state and the schools could not keep up with the growth. Until the late 60's, most levies were passed. Levy defeats were more common in the 70's and 80's. The system had 9 years of levy defeats from 1969 to 1978.*

*The records are not very good on the question of how many attended college from the class of 1961, but it appears that about 55% went on to college/continuing education. My educated guess from the stats of that time is that 30 to 40% graduated from college/continuing education. The Vietnam War may have contributed to the smaller number of graduates because of the draft – (if you*

*did not complete your college in 4 years, you were eligible for the draft). Today the numbers are up a little from the 60's with more students attending and more graduating from college. More students attend community or Jr. Colleges for the first 2 years because of the costs. Tri C's, a community college in Parma, attendance is up 30% this year alone. Hope this helps to answer your questions*

Bob Vasil, class of '62,

I have written a children's book titled "THE ADVENTURES OF BENNY, LENNY, AND AL: THREE BOY CHICKENS". It is published through Tate Publishing and is available through Amazon or can be ordered by Borders or Barnes and Noble. Those who prefer an autographed copy can reach Bob at 440-884-6632 or email vasilmanbob@aol.com

*Good luck with the new book.*

Elaine (Rennert) Beeson 1951

Thank you for the opportunity to receive the hard copy of the newsletter offered for 3 years for \$15. It is good to hear about some "old timers" like me.

Thank you Elaine

To the Class of 1932 and Alumni

This letter is to inform you of the death of Julia Gabor Eilers, Class of 1932 Parma Schaaf High School. She died on October 1, 2009 at age 95. She grew up on Snow Road and graduated from Parma High School. She always spoke highly of attending school in Parma and of the education she and her two sisters received.

The family put together some thoughts about our mother that we provided the minister for the funeral. She attended her 50th reunion in 1972. Her physical education teacher, Ruth Felt, told her at that time her 100 yard dash record was still intact.

Julia Gabor Eilers

She was the oldest of 3 sisters. She attended Miami of Ohio her first year in college and she transferred to Baldwin-Wallace College. She met her husband, Dick Eilers there and she married him 2 years later in 1935. They moved to Boston and then to Omaha. Julia had 3 boys Tom Dick and Bill. She took a drivers course and began driving at age 34 in 1948. She was married for over 60 years to Dick Eilers, he passed away in 1996. She had 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

Thank you

William J Eilers

Son of Julia Gabor Eilers.

Congratulations to Pat Topping Gilley Class of 1952. Pat has produced a great newsletter for her class called 52 Pick-up for many years. She keeps her classmates informed.

If any Alumni has something special in your life you would like us all to know, please send us an update and we would be happy to help you share the good news.

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E-mail: [PSHalum@PSHalumni.org](mailto:PSHalum@PSHalumni.org)

Office phone: 440-885-3700

## Car turns heads

Anthony France class of 1962 is the owner of a 1973 Pantera. At the Auto-Rama auto show in Cleveland last year his 1973 Pantera won 1st place in the exotic sports category competing against a Ferrari and a Maserati.

## Prom Dress Donations

We were able to donate 12 dresses, some shoes and jewelry to Cinderella's Closet. Next year we hope to do better.

## Thanksgiving Food Drive 2010

We will be collecting food and cash donations for needy PSH families this coming Thanksgiving. We will work in conjunction with the PSH student council.

## Alumni Courtyard Fall Ice Cream Social

We are going to try to have a ice cream social at the Alumni Courtyard at PSH for scholarships. We hope to have at least 2 events this fall. Look in the newspaper and on line at our web site [www.pshalumni.org](http://www.pshalumni.org). The social will be open to all PSH Alumni and specifically the classes from the 30's, 40's and the 50's. Stay tuned for more on these events.

## Scholarship Winners

We have given 5 \$1200 scholarships, 3 \$500, and 1 \$900 this year. Here are this year's winners:

**Abigail Cole**-Attending Ohio State University--\$1200 PSH Alumni Association Lee Bailey Memorial/Donna Dieball Scholarship

**Gregory Adams**-Attending Ohio State University--\$1200 PSH Alumni Association Board Scholarship

**Peter Glover**-Attending Ohio State University--\$1200 PSH Alumni Association Memorial Scholarship

**Laura Weiner**-Attending Kent State University--\$1200 Alumni Association Red Rees Memorial Scholarship

**James Sadey**-Attending Cleveland State University--\$1200 Alumni Association Veterans Memorial Scholarship

**Amy Lock**-Attending Xavier University--\$900 PSH Alumni Association Career Prep/Dennis Fernelius Scholarship

**Cody Garrett**-Attending Cleveland State University--\$500 PSH Alumni Association Career Prep Scholarship

**Brian Goodwin**-Attending Tri-C--\$500 PSH Alumni Association Special/Gary Fernelius Scholarship

**Jennifer Kall**-Attending Virginia Marti College of Art and Design--\$500 PSH Alumni Association Special Scholarship



## High School Graduations And High School Friendships

The Parma Senior High School class of 2010 graduated 351 students at its commencement this year. The commencement was held in the PSH Auditorium where it has been held since 1985. As a student and then as a teacher I remember the graduations in the Cleveland Public Auditorium, The Music Hall, and then in the PSH Auditorium. Each year I would look at the graduates and think about the fact that this would be the last time that these seniors would all be together in one place. The end of the ceremony is greeted with cheers, high fives, and hugs and kisses all around from close friends and with students that were just in classes together. The look of exhilaration as well as fear of the unknown flash across the

faces of almost every student as they mingle on the front steps of the auditorium. It seems that really close friends tend to stay longer and find it difficult to say goodbye even though they will see each other all summer long.

There is something unique about high school friendships. They may only last for the 3 or 4 years you are in high school or they may last a lifetime. They may involve communication on a weekly basis or in some cases the only contact may be at a reunion over the years or have no contact at all.

Those high school friendships that last seem to grow with time. Separated by college, the service, jobs, and even moving away does not seem to stop or diminish the bond that exists with friends. It is a tribute to those friends who make the effort to keep their friendships alive. The stories about high school friends who have stayed close for over 50 years are not that rare in Parma High. I am sure that in this year's graduating class, they will have their share of long lasting friendships. Good luck to the class

of 2010. "Once a Redman always a Redman" and to all friends "Loyalty Eternally"

## PSH Alumni Annual Meeting-August 4, 2010

The Annual Meeting of the PSH Alumni Association will be held August 4, 2010 at 6:00 PM. It will be held at the Parma Recreation Office inside Parmatown Mall next to the JC Penney entrance on Day Drive.

We will be going over the current state of the Alumni Association and the current and 2011 reunions. Reunion committees from classes with 6 and 1 ending years will receive their packets as they enter. Included in the packets are the forms all chairpersons must complete and the release form for funds (this form needs to be notarized). The amount of money in your class account will also be included in these forms.

We will vote on Alumni running for the board. All individuals interested in running for the board must submit a letter of intent to run no later than July 6, 2010. All letters of intent must be signed with your graduating last name and your year of graduation from PSH, Schaaf or Ridge Road. We urge all alumni chairs to attend the meeting. Voting on issues and board elections will be at that meeting. There will be door prizes for some lucky attendees.

## PSH 2010 Graduate Wins National Merit Scholarship

PSH Senior, Peter Glover, was the only senior in the Parma City School District to receive a National Merit Scholarship. He also received our 'Memorial Scholarship. He will be attending the Ohio State University in the fall. We are proud of his accomplishments and we know he will make PSH proud as well.

## Donations For Next Years Scholarships

We will be accepting donations for next year's scholarship fund. All donations are tax deductible. Your continued support of our scholarship program allows us to give needed support to deserving PSH seniors who have a parent or guardian that are PSH grads. Over the past 40 years we have given over \$100,000 in scholarships.

## Donations

Andria Maris/ Ray Maris '55

3 yearbooks 52, 53, 55

Gerald Lee '54 1\$ per year since graduation

Karen (Wolff) Donovan '63 \$25 for the Alumni Garden

## PSH Hall Of Fame 2011 Nominations

The Parma Alumni Association is now accepting nominations for the November 2011 inductions. Candidates must be graduates of Parma Senior High at Ridge Road, Parma Schaaf High, or Parma Senior High. Candidates must have been out of high school for at least a minimum of 20 years.

Nominations must be submitted in a single spaced typed format of no more than one page. Nominations must include the full name of the nominee, including graduation last name, year of graduation, complete current address and telephone number. Candidates will be judged on character, their career achievements, volunteerism, civic and community activities. If you are resubmitting an application for a candidate, please update their qualifications from above along with any changes of address. Posthumous submissions should include information on contacts with relatives if at all possible. If unable to provide such information, please include information where we can verify the

candidates information. Please include your current address, e-mail address and telephone number so we can contact you if needed.

Deadline for submissions will be February 1, 2011. The Alumni Hall of Fame Committee selections will be final. Send you submissions to Parma Senior High School Alumni Association. Attention: 2011 Hall of Fame Committee, 6285 W 54th Street, Parma, OH 44129

## In Honor of the 15th Anniversary of *The Tradition*

In honor of the Tradition's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, I will be running some of the more interesting articles and information sent to us over the years.

**Letter to yearbook memories Fall 2002  
by Barbara Kitchen Siegfried 1955.**

I have many found memories of my high school years at the "Queen of High Schools." In fact, I often tell my own high school students about some of the special experiences that occurred during those days.

The activity that stands in my mind was the chartered train trip to Toledo where the Redmen played against Toledo Libby in football. As I can recall the heat did not work on the train, especially on the return trip. With that as an excuse, several couples huddled under the blankets in the dimly lit train. Those of us who

went from car to car selling concession items were a little embarrassed by the coziness of some of the couples - or maybe we were a little jealous. At any rate when I tell of the chartered train for 300 fans to a high school football game, weekly pre-game bonfires to fire up the team even when we lost more games than we won, and the standing room only crowds at Byers field, my basketball-crazy Indiana high school students were amazed.

The football players here were envious of the facilities and the enthusiasm of the fans.

Of course this was the fall of 1954, the last football season before our graduation in the spring of 1955.



## Bailey Bell Award winners

Periodically we recognize individuals who have given their time and energy to the PSH Alumni Association. These loyal PSH grads have volunteered their time for at least 10 consecutive years. They epitomize the last words of the alma mater "loyalty eternally". This year we are proud to induct 4 outstanding women for their many years of service to The Parma Sr. High Alumni Association. They are: (left to right) Dianna Pavisich Kall '78, Nancy Fedak '66, Darlene Wendel DeMarco '63, and Chris Panek Sobolewski '62. The inductions were held in the PSH auditorium lobby on May 12 at 6PM. Their names will be placed on the Bailey Bell plaque and they were given an engraved brass bell.



## 2010 PSH Directory and Newsletter Order Forms

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_ Grad Name \_\_\_\_\_

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CHECK ONE

Make checks (no cash) payable to: P SH Alumni Association.  
Send to: PSH Alumni, 6285 West 54th St. Parma, OH 44129

## PSH FUNDRAISERS

*Sweats, Golf shirts, Caps, Tee Shirts, Cat's Meow, Hoodies, and mugs, Indian logo Mouse Pads*

New Caps \$15 Golf Shirt \$30 (L, XL) Mug \$7.50 T-Shirt \$25 (M, L, XL, XXL) Sweatshirt \$30 (M, L, XL, XXL) Hoodies \$35 (M, L, XL, XXL) Indian logo Mouse Pads \$7.50.

Order by sending a check or money order to PSH Alumni Assoc.

6285 W. 54th St., Parma, OH



## Yearbook Donations and Order Form

PSH Yearbooks donated to the Alumni Association will be put up for sale and all proceeds will go toward the PSH Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

Donations may be dropped off or sent to Parma Senior High School, Attention: Alumni Association or call us and we will pick them up, 440-885-3700. Thanks to all those who donated.

### YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

1929	1	1942	9	1951	8	1983	10	2002	10
1930	3	1943	5	1952	13	1989	10	2003	4
1932	2	1944	7	1953	10	1991	19	2004	6
1933	2	1945	6	1954	1	1995	8	2005	14
1937	1	1946	10	1956	1	1996	6	2006	15
1938	12	1947	10	1963	1	1998	3	2007	9
1939	3	1948	15	1964	1	1999	2		
1940	2	1949	5	1978	14	2000	12		
1941	1	1950	8	1980	21	2001	9		

## ORDER FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
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Yearbook Year \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 Postage included  
Make checks payable to: PSH Alumni Association  
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